



State of California
The Resources Agency
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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| PROJECT TITLE | Monte Toyon Shaded Fuelbreak Maintenance | | |
| PROJECT LOCATION | Redwood Drive Aptos, CA 95003 | COUNTY | Santa Cruz |
| LEAD AGENCY | California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) | | |
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Project Description

The work proposed consists of reestablishing a shaded fuelbreak along an existing fire road, 0.6 (six tenths) mile long, that connects Redwood Drive to Aptos Creek Road. Work to be done involves removal of small diameter acacia, Douglas-fir and tan oak along both sides of the road, within 40 feet of the existing road surface. Material will be piled for burning in designated burn pile locations established along the road. Remaining trees will be limbed up to 16 feet. This work was done in 1992 using the same burn pile locations. The work will be conducted by crews from Ben Lomond Conservation Camp. No ground disturbance will occur.

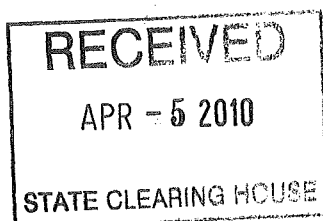
EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 Minor Alterations to Land
Class 1 §15301 Maintenance of Existing Facilities
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

Title 14 CCR Section 15304 allows minor alteration of vegetation, including fuel management activities to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation, provided the activities do not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. CAL FIRE staff have completed a limited environmental review to ensure that exceptions do not exist that would preclude the use of this exemption. The Department has determined that no significant environmental impacts to biological, cultural, air or water resources would occur and that greenhouse gas emissions would be less than significant.

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